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	Examiner Bot LeDynch	Art Unit 2862	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,6,9-26 and 29-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,3,6 and 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12,13,15,16,22,23,25 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-11, 14, 17-21 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



Bot LeDynch
Primary Examiner

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's election with traverse of group II, claims 10-26, in the reply filed on August 26, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no serious burden on the part of the Examiner. This is not found persuasive because in the construction and examination of patent claims, one different limitation may impart serious burden on the part of the examiner, not to mention that the claims of the two groups in the current application are patentably distinct and there are many different limitations which are recited in the claims of the two groups (see the restriction requirement dated 7/29/05). Although both groups have been examined in a previous Office action, the claimed invention may be restricted anytime at the Examiner's discretion as long as the claimed inventions are patentably distinct and the examination of both groups would impose burden on the part of the Examiner (see Office action dated 7/29/05).

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-11, 14, 17-21, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson et al (6646441) in view of Nichols (6294917). Thompson

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et al discloses substantially the same invention as claimed (see Office Action dated 3/22/05), except for an antenna tuning circuit comprising a relay having a coil coupled to a signal line that that carries signals to the transmitting antenna, wherein the antenna tuning circuit is selectively tunable to obtain a plurality of resonant frequencies. Nichols discloses that relays having a coil coupled to a signal line that that carries signals to the transmitting antenna are used to switch capacitors and inductors in and out in order to selectively tune the frequencies (see col. 7, lines 20-50). It would have been obvious to one of skill in the art to modified Thompson et al by employing relays having a coil coupled to a signal line that carries signals to the transmitting antenna to switch capacitors and inductors in and out in order to selectively tune the frequencies (by controlling inductance and capacitance) as taught by Nichols (see col. 7, lines 20-50). Although specific columns, figures, reference numerals, lines of the reference(s), etc. have been referred to, Applicant should consider the entire applied prior art reference(s).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 12-13, 15-16, 22-23, and 25-26 are allowed.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed May 15, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Thompson does not teach "an antenna tuning circuit comprising a relay having a coil coupled to a signal line that that carries signals to

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the transmitting antenna, wherein the antenna tuning circuit is selectively tunable to obtain a plurality of resonant frequencies." This argument is deemed moot in view of the above 103 rejection.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Bot LeDinh whose telephone number is 5712722231. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz can be reached on 5712722180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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